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THE PREZ SEZ

January Contest time has arrived once again. My how time flies when your having fun! The contest comes a little early in the month this year. January 3rd & 4th, so it is time to start preparation. With the extremely mild weather we've been enjoying this fall there should be no problem with antennas? And all your equipment is ready to go, right? Right! So, lets support the efforts of our Chairman W3HMD and go out and bring home number 15.

I might mention at this time that there seems to be general increase in VHF activity. This is probably due to the availability of several new rigs for 6 and 2 meters and even 432 Mhz. Also I think some disenchantment with F.M. operation has returned many VHF operators to the fold. So come on gang, lets all pitch in. This contest can be a lot of fun if you approach it with a positive attitude.

This months meeting is a closed meeting with only dues paying members invited. Please try to attend. It makes it so much simpler for all involved, if you pick up your contest material personally.

The November meeting was kind of a potpourri of technical subjects. Thanks to Walt, K3BPP, who organized the program and thanks to our speakers who took the time to prepare their part of the program. Sorry that the program ran a little late but there was so much material to cover and even at that all the program that was planned was not presented.

As many of you already know we are losing several of our more active members. Stan, K3IPM, will be moving to the Harrisburg area (not WPA) next year. His signal will be missed at this QTH? Also, Gary, WA3YZC, one of our newer members will be leaving for the Southern New England area. Both fellows will be missed by the club but should have workable signals into the Phila. area and since they are not all that far away we hope to see them from time to time. Both will remain members of the club. Good luck!

73, Ron, WA3AXV

SAGA OF FLIGHT 663 TO ATLANTA, By John, K3KTY & XYL

Departure: 9:40 a.m. - 10 minutes late. 9:55 a.m. - pilot says: He cannot find runway!
10:05 - pilot finds runway - ceiling too low. 10:10 - pilot takes off - Aborts flight takeoff!
Says he got some bad information from flight attendant. 10:15 take off - 10:25 - 180° bank -
Pilot: We are on our way. 11:30 - pilot - guess you folks would like to know where you are -
so would we - (laugh) - over N.C. 12:05 - 100 feet to final landing - Pilot - Copilot won
he 'pilot of the month' with last landing here. Let's see what he can do now. 12:30 - Sorry
folks, your luggage went to Savannah.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Syllabus by Lee, K3MXM

- DECEMBER Derives its name from the Latin word (Decem) - as this was the 10th month of the Old Roman Year.
- 5 A great historical date for many members. Prohibition Repealed 1933.
- 6 160 Meter Contest - see QST for details.
- 10 Board of Directors Meeting - QTH - Harry Brown, WA3NGK, 3012 Potshop Road, Norristown, Pa. If lost phone 584-4846. Directors and interested parties invited
- 12 Pennsylvania Admitted 1787.
- 13/14 Ten Meter Contest - see QST for details.
- 16 You Vets of WW II - Battle of the Bulge - 1944
- 18 Closed Club Meeting - Members ONLY. Final preparations for the contest. Package and certificates will be distributed. Southampton Free Library - Street Road, Southampton, Pa. 8:00 p.m. Doc's Silent Auction - The Mario Raffle - Refreshments.
- 22 Winter Officially Begins - getting late for that antenna work.
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY: The best from all on the Cheesebits Staff to all of you and your families. Operators are needed to man stations at the various area Hospitals to receive and handle traffic from the patients. Please contact me (K3MXM) if you can and would like to spend a couple hours in this most worthwhile project.
- 31 Happy New Years Eve.

JANUARY 1976

- 1 Happy New Year's Day
- 3/4 VHF SS Contest
- 8/11 SAROC- Las Vegas Sahara Hotel

- 15 General Club Meeting - Open to one and all. "Crying Towel Session"
DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE

NOTES: John Lopez (ex Mr. HamBuerger) W3GJF/4 can be found around noon time during the week on 7.260 Mhz.
Heard on 2M FM - "The rig here is so old we have it insured against fire, theft, and Indian Raids".
For you Hamfest Buffs: The first of the season, that we know of. February 15, 1976, Vienna Wireless Society, Winterfest. Info: Vienna Wireless Society, K4TA, P.O. Box 418, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

MARS PROGRAM THREATENED by General Accounting Office - report most military run MARS stations "are no longer essential to the Department of Defense". GAO Report: B-144239 did not recommend curtailing private MARS station operations.

VOTED TO MEMBERSHIP: K3HES, Daniel D. Greene, KYL Pauline, 2341 Ripley St., Phila., Pa. 19152. 215-DE 8-7946.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (STUDENT): WA3UXM, Greg Adams, 2037 Wharton Rd. Glenside, Pa. 19038. 215- TU 6-2836.

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NEW PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO HAMS

By Lynn, W3NSI

1. Hand-Held 2 Meter T/R: Genave GTX-1, is the smallest H/T available for ham use at the present time. Only 8" high by 2-5/8" wide and 1-1/4" thick, it is rather well protected in its all metal case. One version, the GTX-1T has a built in touch tone unit. Six channels are available, with trimmers on both receive and transmit. A rubber ducky antenna and wrist strap are included with the HT. Transmit output is 2.5 watts. Price \$280. (\$330 with touch tone)
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3. Channel Monitor: This little box allows a ham to have music coming through the speaker in normal fashion, until an aux. input from the 2M FM etc. has a station being received. When this happens the unit switches to the ham signal and mutes the music etc. while the ham station is on. It then reverts to its original mode with the music piped through again. Cost \$40 Comm. Power Inc. 2407 Charleston Road, Mountain View, California 94043.

TID BITS

Congratulations to Harry McConaghy, W3SW, (Connie-Mac) and Jesse Beiberman, W3KT on their election to director and vice-director respectively of the ARRL Atlantic Division.

We wish Al, K3EOD a speedy recovery from injuries received in a recent auto accident.

Best wishes to Gary, WA3YZC who is leaving the area for a new job in Connecticut.

Ron, WA3AXV looking for a volunteer to fill out the vacated job of recording secretary. Its a nice clean job and the position is part of the Executive Board.

Members changing their home address of phone number advise W3CL. We are almost ready to put out a new club directory. Your license expiration date is also needed if you haven't submitted it to date.

K3IPM family moving to Harrisburg after the first of the year. Good luck folks.

Linda Cutler taking course in TM. Bet it will improve your golf game. Stay with it Linda.

Come to the December meeting and pick up your VHF SS certificate for 1975. Jo, W2EIF did a beautiful job preparing same.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 559 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT NOVEMBER 6 1975 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT: In response to a request by ARRL, the FCC has deleted the restrictions on crossband operation of repeaters effective December 15. This change permits a repeater to have its output frequency in a different band than its input. The Commission also clarified its rules as to when and how various types of amateur stations may retransmit the signals of other amateur stations. Further details will appear in an early issue of QST. Operators in need of details more quickly may send a stamped addressed envelope to ARRL Hq. and ask for a copy of the Report and Order in Docket 20113 AR.

VHF/UHF REPORT

By Jo, W2EIF

The last half of October produced some good tropo openings up and down the coast and also to the Ohio area. The 19th of the month produced a good opening from Virginia to the Northeast. This was repeated on the 23rd and the 24th. The 27th produced a widespread opening on 2 meters which extended from Ohio to Maine and as far South as the North Carolina border. No North Carolina stations were heard here, and although K4KAE in S. Carolina was on, he was not heard here. Conditions continued more or less normal until November 4. Stations in Western New York and in VE3 land were lucky to find a duct existing to the Southwest which produced contacts into Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. The duct had a small offshoot from Michigan to this area and I worked K8HWW near Detroit with very good SSB signals. No other signals were heard from that area.

On the 13th of November, VE3ASO, who is now running an 8877 amplifier on 2 meters, was contacted and he was also worked by K1PXE. These openings are a result of the nice weather; warm days and cool nights that we have been enjoying lately.

There have been a few 6 meter openings lately and these should peak up around the middle of December. It is a result of the peaking of the Es season in S. America.

K1PXE and W2EIF have been joined by W3HFY on the Tuesday nite 220 get together. If you want to get in on it try after 8:30 p.m. K1PXE and myself have also made contact on 1296 on the Thursday nite 1296 roundup. Same time will be used as starting time. If you have gear for these bands see if you can join us.

WEATHER FORCASTS GOING ON VHF-FM

(From the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin of November 9, 1975)

Residents of the Philadelphia area will be able to get weather information from the National Weather Service after the first of the year.

A VHF-FM station is being installed in the new Federal Building at 6th and Arch Sts. in Phila. with a transmitting antenna on a tower in the Roxborough area. Routine weather forecasts will be broadcast around the clock and will give warnings in case of natural disasters. The coverage is expected to be about a 40 mile radius. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) networks are authorized to operate in the 162 MHz band. A frequency of 162.475 MHz is expected to be allocated to the Phila. station. A station has already been in operation in the Atlantic City NWS office at Pomona, New Jersey.

BOOK REVIEW NET RESUMES OPERATION

By George, W3HK

The Pack Rat Sponsored Book Review Net will resume operation Tuesday 25 November, 1975 on 50.2 MHz at 8 PM. and continue each week as long as we have books to review and reviewers to review them! The first six reviews are as follows:

25 Nov. 1975, General Class License Manual -W3HK	30 Dec. 1975 No net due to holidays
2 Dec. 1975, Advanced Class License Manual - W3CL	6 Jan. 1976, 111 I.C. Projects, WA3NGK
9 Dec., 1975, I.C. Handbook - W3HMU	13 Jan. 1976, I.C. Guide, WA3RCA
16 Dec., 1975 - Novice License Manual - K3KTY	Volunteer to do a review and get a book.
23 Dec. 1975 no net due to holidays	

FROM THE SCM: Thanks for the support of the Pack Rats in the recent election. I'm sure it was very decisive in my winning the election. Now the election is over how about more of the Club members becoming VHF Stations. A report once a month on the various experiments or information various club members uncover is all that is needed. The report can be a postcard. This way all the valuable information the club is developing will be published by ARRL for all to use. What say?

73, George, W3HK

HAMARAMA REPORT

by Lee, K3MXX

How can I write a wrap-up report on the Hamarama without starting with a great big "Thank You" to those scores of club members, wives, boy scouts and friends of the Pack Rats who all pitched in and did their part to make this the biggest and best collective effort in the Club's history.

Those of you interested in numbers, we had a paid attendance of close to 1,600 persons with about another 200 who didn't register being either wives, children or non-member workers. The cash numbers I don't have, but Doc has a great big smile on his face and is assuring one and all that the club is solvent for another year. We had over 160 tail-gaters including many manufacturers, several of the Amateur Supply stores, many surplus dealers and scads of cellar cleaner-outers. The items displayed and sold ranged from World War I surplus to the newest in chips and Ic's. We had floral arrangements, craft products home aids, pickles, tools and tons and tons and tons of parts and pieces. There were over 850 cars and trucks parked in the rows and extending onto the grass plots. There was even an Antique Ford parading up and down the drive-in.

We gave out over 100 door prizes, those not being picked up were mailed out. The ham coming the greatest distance came all of the way from New Zealand. Jack Yates won the 2m FM Heathkit, raffle item. Special thanks goes to Jim Spencer and the Philmont ARC Emergency Van (the ole yellow bus) with its portable PA system without which we would have been lost. Speaking of lost - we had lost and found several sets of car keys, door keys, watches, but no lost children. I think they all headed toward the playground and enjoyed parental freedom.

And the tents - where would we be without the yeoman efforts of Pete Shavney and his PennARC Club who tended delivery, erection and return of them.

We had one club member - who shall remain nameless at this writing - almost take down the registration tent by engaging the guy ropes with his car.

The parking under the leadership of Gary aided by many club members and all those willing and working Boy Scouts. Seeing a 12 year old Boy Scout under that big red vest, coming down well past his knees, with a big handy talkie slung over his shoulders, moving and parking those cars around.....

The "Gate" under Tony's leadership was busy all day long from 7:30 AM 'till well past 3:30. The lines never seemed to stop coming and when they got a chance for a break still has me wondering.

All those women who worked in the registration tent, May and Leslie, Peggy, Sylvia and Marsha, Bert and Florence, a big Bouquet to all of you.....

If we have overlooked anyone - it is not meant to be - the total effort was just tremendous....

Our future plans are to grow - each year the curve moves upward. Many ideas have been put forth and flaws have been pointed out for correction. The committee will meet early and start plans for '76 - so see you then.

ED TILTON, W1HDQ, VDSITS THE "PACKRATS"

The Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club had the honor of a visit from its honorary member, Ed Tilton, W1HDQ on Oct. 16th. Ed exerted his priveledge as a member to invite himself to speak to the group. Ed's expertise in the area of VHF-UHF techniques and propagation is well known and recognized throughout the amateur radio world. The topic he chose for discussion was "Radio Propagation."


Ed will author a "propagation column" for "do-it-yourself" propagation predictions starting in the January issue of QST.

The discussion centered on the "quiet sun" since we are at or in the bottom of Cycle No. 21 of the Solar Cycle. He discussed ways and means of making use of information obtained from WWV bulletins and from observing radio conditions in the radio spectrum. He showed methods of plotting the varied information to permit the observer to obtain "now" predictions. His article, "The DX-er's Crystal Ball", starting in the June, 1975 issue of QST was the primer for his discussion, however, he expanded on it and included much more detail. His discussion of the Solar Activity Cycle and its varied ramifications left a lot of delicious food for thought. The HFer and the VHFer can make good use of his suggestions, and thoughts to improve their operating enjoyment and making more efficient use of their operating time.

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CONTACT: K3IPM, Stanley Smith
133 Hogeland Rd.
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FOR SALE: FM-21 220 Mhz Clegg Transceiver
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\$150.

CONTACT: W3FEY, George S. Gadbois
141 Maple Lane
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lens - F 1.3, 8.5 to 24 MM-Zoom. Trade
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WANTED: Power supply, 12V.D.C./5Amp. Fully
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CONTACT: K3GOZ, Herm Klein
2600 Welsh Rd. Apt. 39
Phila., Pa. 19152; 215-HO 4-6555.

FOR SALE: Cushcraft A147-11 Yagi for 2M FM
\$15. Motorola T44-Rcvr strip for ATV. Fully
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CONTACT: WASHVL, Don DeRosa
205 W. Champlost Ave. Phila., Pa.
215-924-8101

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xmitter and receiver. An add'l good make
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CONTACT: K3BAY, Joseph Weissman
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215 RA 5-5295

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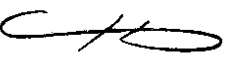
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SEASON'S
GREETINGS

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K3GAS

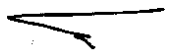
Seasons
Greetings
Harry W3NGK
+ Rose, Diana,
David + Denise

Seasons
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W3HK GEORGE
W3BJG GRACIE


XMAS GREETINGS

de
HERB - W2HF

SEASON'S
Greetings


GARY
W3YZC

Merry Xmas
de: W3UDS
Ric
Pat
Ian
Jonathan
GRP, Radio
Happy New Year

MERRY XMAS
FROM
DAVE - JANE
MARK - NANCIE
SCOTT - JILL
W3ZD


SEASON'S GREETINGS

JOHN + BARBARA
K3RZY
JOHN JIM JILL
BARBARA ANN



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GREETINGS
TO ALL!

K3MWV
DICK
MARLENE
KIM

Season's
Greetings

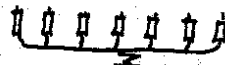

Walt
K3BPP

SEASON'S
GREETINGS

FROM
DAN &
K3HES



SEASON'S GREETINGS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
FROM

SYLVIA AND HARRY
W3CL
+ MARSHA - W3TEM

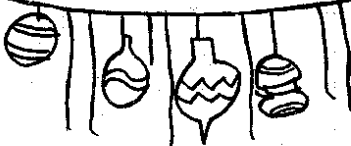




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SEASON'S GREETINGS
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HOLIDAY
GREETINGS

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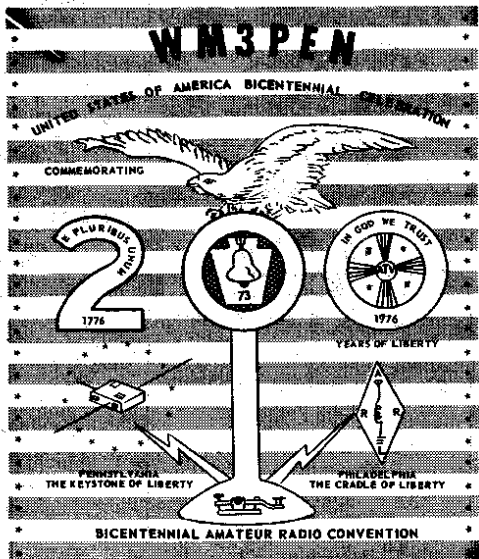
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GORDON K3VYG
+ FAMILY

Seasons
Greetings

Pete and Carol
W3CIL

<p>SEASONS GREETINGS WA3AQA WALT</p>	<p>SEASON'S GREETINGS MARY & Dick, W3FQD</p>	 <p>Happy Holiday from PENNARC PETE - HZ WA3OVH & WA3RCA</p>	<p>BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY K3DLS</p>
<p>Boa Festa! W3HMU</p>	<p>GREETINGS & Best Wishes BEN - WA3JSR "TEDDY" - WA3BYL</p>	<p>SEASONS GREETINGS W3NSI LYN</p>	<p>MAY PEACE, LIKE THE JOY OF NATURE, FOLLOW YOU WHERE- EVER YOU GO. RICH & JORGE PATTISON K3ACR</p>
	<p>Greetings from Sunny and Care free Florida Tom & Mildred Mathews EX W3WJ - NOW K4IJC</p>	<p>BEST HOLIDAY SPIRITS FROM THE ENTIRE LEE COHEN (K3MXX) CLAN PEGGY - LINDA, JEFFREY, ARNOLD, LARRY & BENNY (WOOF!)</p>	



From Frankford Arsenal Newsletter
**Arsenal employee earns
award for Bicen design**

(ARL ATLANTIC DEVISION CONVENTION)
 John J. York (K3GGA) has won the Bicentennial Amateur Radio Convention Committee contest for design of a commemorative QSL card for use during the group's 1976 Convention. David R. Zimmerman (W3ZD), BARCC Chairman wrote Mr. York "Your design was far and above the outstanding favorite of those voting, and this card may well be the most outstanding QSL card I have ever seen."
 "It is our plan to put your design into print and to send out a good many of them during the Bicentennial year. Your name will be added to the bottom as a credit to the designer," he wrote.
 The QSL card, as it is called by radio HAMS will be the most sought by amateurs world wide to confirm their communication with the BARCC radio station WM3PEN. The special call sign WM3PEN was assigned by the FCC to BARCC for use during 1976 to commemorate this event and honor William Fern.
 Mr. York is with the Item Identification Branch MAM 1, Publications Division, Fire Control Maintenance Support Directorate.
 Mr. York said he started his design with the number "200"—after that it just evolved as other ideas came to him.
 Mr. York's design will be used by BARCC for the amateur radio celebration at Ben Franklin Hotel on July 23-25, 1976. The convention will consist of on-the-air amateur and MARS stations, latest equipment displays and informative technical symposiums, etc.

B.A.R.C.C. REPORT ...

by Harry, W3CL

The BARCC board meeting was held at the Casa Conti Restaurant, Glenside, Pa. on Nov.18,1975. The meeting was ell attended with 35 members,guests and visitors present. The director, ARRL Atlantic Division (now reelcted to that post) was there looking good and in fine voice.

Chairman Dave Zimmerman, W3ZD discussed the new look to the make-up of the Board which now includes all the chairmen of the major activities. He circulated financial charts showing the projected income and expenditures month by month.

Doc,K3GAS the treasurer gave a report and announced that additional bonds have been purchased by the Delmont, Frankford, and the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Clubs. He also displayed the format of the registration ticket He introduced members of the Northeast R.C. who will assist in the registration activities at the convention.

Paul Mercado, W3FBF gave a report on the banquet plans and announced a meeting of that committee is planned for Saturday Dec. 6, 1975 for lunch at the Newtown Squire Inn, Newtown Square. Pa. The exective board was invited.

Lou Moreau,W3WRE reported on progress in connection of the Historical aspects of the convention.

Dan Sutton, WA3BKR showed the mock-up of the commemorative QSL card designed by K3GGA, (appears on another page in this issue), and was authorized to print 5000. The cards will serve as a standard QSL and will also be given to each registrant at the convention as a souvenier item.

George VanDyke,W3HK, the newly elected SCM,EPA will chair the ARRL activities in addition to his previous post of the Wouff Hong Cerimony director.

Horace Carter, K3ZAC is the FCC activities chairman and reports that John Johnston, K3BNS of the FCC will be in charge of the FCC Forum. Connie-Mac, W3SW recommended that Horace also invite Charles Higginbotham, W3CAH,FCC Chief, Safety and Special Radio Services.

We want to correct a notice in the last newsletter reference license exams as a feature of the convention. They will be given on Saturday July 24, 1976 at the new FCC offices in the Byrnes Bldg. at 6th and Market Sts. Phila. Please note that applications are to be submitted to the local FCC before that date.

Carolyn Currens, W3GTC head of the YL activities reports that they have planned a luncheon on Saturday July 24, 1976 from 1 to 3 PM in the Valley Forge Room of the Ben Franklin Hotel. Other YL activities, YL Forum,etc. will also be held in that location.

The program chairman, Harry Stein, W3CL announced that the keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet will be Admiral Ray Schneider, USN,W3MJE, recently retired director Naval Electronics Command. He plans to give a rousing performance around our theme of " 200 Years of Communications".

Convention information can be obtained by writing to BARCC Chairman, P.O. Box 7170, Elkins Park, Pa. 19117.

The next meeting will be held at the Casa Conti Restaurant, Glenside, Pa. on Tuesday, Jan.13, 1976-- dinner at 6:30pm--business meeting at 7:30pm. If you plan to attend,please notify the Secretary Pete Shavney,WA3OVH at 215-886-1859.

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Tid Bits (Cont'd)

Had a nice telephone chat with Jim Spry, W3KXH the other day. Jim had suffered another stroke some time ago and has been steadily improving. He sounded in good voice and wanted to be remembered to the gang.

K3OBY, Jim Bowman reports that he will be looking for a bit of help to install a 6 meter halo so that he can be back on the air for the JAN. 3rd and 4th, 1976 VHF SS blast.

The editor attended a meeting of the Delmont Radio Club at the Casa Conti, Glenside, Pa. on Wed. evening Nov. 26, 1975. It was good to enjoy the company of some old and new friends. The main event of the evening was an illustrated talk on EME by Tony Souza, W3HMU; ably supported by W3HQT and K3BPP. Their lectures, very well received, centered about the activities of the Pack-Rat EME station W3CCX/3 located at the QTH of W3HQT in Revere, Pa. above Dolestown.

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